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SUBJ: FOUNDATION OF YET ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY

1. EMILIA-ROMAGNA PRESS CARRIED NEWS REPORTS OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE NUOVO PARTITO POPULARE (NEW POPULIST PARTY) WHICH WAS HELD IN A HOTEL IN RIMINI FEB. 27-28. PARTY SUPPOSEDLY FOUNDED ONE YEAR AGO IN ROME. THIS WAS ITS FIRST NATIONAL CONGRESS. SPOKESMAN IDENTIFIED THE PARTY AS CENTRIST INSPIRED BY THE TEACHINGS OF DON STURZO (FOUNDING FATHER OF THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY) AND SPURRED BY A NEED TO BRING A NEW MORALITY INTO ITALIAN POLITICS. SAME SPOKESMAN WAS QUOTED AS STATING THAT THE PARTY HAD 50,000 MEMBERS AND WAS PREPARING LISTS TO OFFER AT THIS SPRING'S ADMINISTRATIVE ELECTIONS IN ROME AND GENOA.

2. PRESS REPORTS OF THE MEETING INDICATED THAT MOST OF THE SUPPORTERS, WHO NUMBERED 50 (INCLUDING WIVES) SEEMED TO BE FROM SOUTHERN ITALY. SOME FLAVOR OF THE IMAGE THE PARTY WISHES TO PROJECT CAN BE GATHERED FROM SLOGANS EXHIBITED AT THE MEETING AND REPORTED IN THE PRESS. SUCH SLOGANS AS QUOTE ITALY MUST BE ONCE AGAIN A LIGHTHOUSE OF CULTURE, JUSTICE AND CHRISTIAN LOVE UNQUOTE AND QUOTE OUR BATTLE WILL BE FOUGHT IN THE NAME OF GOD, COUNTRY AND SOCIAL ORDER UNQUOTE , WERE HUNG FROM THE ROSTRUM.

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3. ASIDE FROM THE COMMENTS REFERRED TO ABOVE, WHICH DERIVE FROM

ONE REGIONAL NEWSPAPER, THE CONSULATE HAS SEEN NO OTHER INFORMATION ON THE MEETING OR THE PARTY. GORDON

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